

Your Survivors of Mine Horror Reach Chicago

Torn, Bleeding, Wild-Eyed With Fear and Carrying Buckshot, Men Tell of Experiences

Chicago, June 23.—Torn, bleeding, wild-eyed with fear and with an assortment of buckshot in their backs, four survivors of the Herrin mine massacre reached Chicago today. They had slipped out through the death cordon by crawling through brush, swimming rivers and riding on the roofs of freight trains. They were utterly exhausted, having gone without food and only such water as they could lap up from sink holes, as they feared to go near any habitation. They told a heart-breaking story of brutality and charged that the law officers of the Herrin district are hand in glove with the assassins, all union miners, in the work of killing and maiming men who had been employed in the mines.

Attack Carefully Planned.

Joseph Sotter, who has eight buckshot in his back, says the massacre was carefully planned and the intention was not to permit any of the men in the mines to escape alive and tell what happened. Sotter and two others were told they would be escorted to a point of safety. Their captors took them in an automobile to a place about a mile from Herrin. There their passage was blocked by a car drawn across the road. The driver got out, ostensibly to see if he could move it, but ran into the bushes. Instantly a fusillade began from men concealed in the bushes. Sotter managed to drop out of the car and crawl into the bushes on the opposite side of the road. Then he ran until he came to a river. He swam across, with pursuers peppering him with shotguns. There was a call for rifles, but, by the time they were brought up, he had reached the

other bank and continued running. His pursuers crossed the river ferried down and passed within 10 feet of where he lay concealed. He heard the leader cursing the others for permitting anyone to escape and what he said.

Fred Bernard, a cook, said that of 52 men in the camp, only four survived as far as he knows. He escaped because he gave the password of the Elks and assured his captors he was a union man. He was lined up with others and marched out of town. The others were drawn up in front of a barbed wire fence and told if they could clamber over it, they might go free. As they mounted the fence, all were shot, falling upon the barbed wire. Their murderers continued shooting into the bushes until they were perfectly limp. Meanwhile, the brother Elks called Bernard to one side, put him in a thimble and drove him away while the rest of the gang were finishing up the men on the fence.

Murderers Were Foreigners.

"Most of the murderers were foreigners," said Bernard. "I saw very few white men among them. The women, too, all appear to be dark-skinned foreigners and they were more savage than the men, if that is possible."

"I left three of my buddies hanging on the fence, and 12 of them were shot down before they could reach the fence. While I was concealed in some dense shrubbery, I saw about 20 miners searching through the woods for refugees. They were all foreigners, talking in a foreign language, but I could make out the word 'scab.' I looked across the prairie in front of me and I could see men being 'pegged' from the woods on each side of the open space. I saw at least seven men shot down in that space."

"I followed through the woods to the north and came upon three men hanging from a tree. Their bodies were riddled with bullets and their faces were mashed and cut until they were just masses of bloody bones and flesh. In another small clump of woods I saw three more men hanging, all terribly mutilated. An elderly man named Schelper, who saved me because we were both Elks, guided me through the woods and, although we met parties of gun men, they did not molest us, because I was under Schelper's care. He finally conducted me to a water tank and I got on the roof of a freight train that stopped there, reached St. Louis and from there came home. It was hell."

Mine Operators to Ask Damages

First Test Suit Under Recent Coronado Decision to Be Started at Cincinnati.

Chicago, Ill., June 23.—(By A. P.)—Legal action for the recovery of damages sustained by the Southern Illinois Coal company as the result of the mine riots at Herrin and the destruction of the company's strip mine there will be started immediately against the United Mine Workers of America and the county of Williamson in behalf of the company and the families of its dead employees, F. W. Bull, attorney for the coal company, announced today. The suit against the United Mine Workers, the attorney pointed out, will be the first test suit under the recent Coronado decision by the United States supreme court holding labor organizations liable for damages. The suit against the United Mine workers will be filed in the federal court at Indianapolis.

Doctor Leaves on Tour in Radio-Equipped Auto

Dr. J. D. Houston, accompanied by his wife and son, Dan, 9, left Friday morning for a three-months' automobile tour through Yellowstone park, the Rocky mountains and to his ranch in Wyoming. His car is fully equipped with radio receiving sets and he said he hopes to enjoy The Bee radio concerts on the way west.

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Mob Demanded Nonunion Men for Massacre

Herrin, Ill., June 23.—(By A. P.)

—The massacre of nonunion miners in the woods near the strip mine of the Southern Illinois Coal company, where they were employed, was the act of a mob which got beyond the control of the cooler element which was attempting to escort the captives to Herrin to "show them off to the boys," according to information gleaned today.

Cry Goes Up.

As soon as the 44 strip employees surrendered yesterday morning a cry went up for the lives of the captives, persons who say they were eye witnesses, state. The cooler element, however, advised that the prisoners be marched into town, paraded before the townspeople and then sent away.

The cooler element marched just behind the prisoners, who were at the head of the procession, and the disorderly element flocked behind and beside them.

Witnesses Say the Leaders, Feeling unable longer to resist the crowd's clamor, said to the prisoners:

"Yes, you'd better beat it." Then followed the massacre. How many of the prisoners realized that it was to be a flight of death cannot be known.

Between the road and the woods on the right side, there was a barbed wire fence. Most of the prisoners, probably thinking vaguely that it would be something to have the fence between them and the mob, began climbing through the fence. They had difficulty with their suitcases. There were shouts of:

Scurry Into Woods.

"Drop your suitcases, you won't need them," which appealed to the humor of the jerrin mob. Most of the prisoners dropped their suitcases and scrambled through and scurried into the woods.

The shooting was under way and the killing was on throughout the woods. Men were running and dodging and the crowds were following and shooting at them. When one fell, the crowd closed in and fired a volley into the prostrate form. The throats of two were cut.

As the men were shot down, crowds gathered and watched them breathe their last, jeering and scoffing.

One of the wounded men to whom the correspondent talked in the woods, said he was a steam shovel worker.

"The men who crowded about him said: 'You ought to know better than to try to take the bread from a union man's mouth.'"

that the exact number of dead never will be known. A dozen or so were believed to be at the bottom of a pond. No one seemed inclined to drag the pond. No searching parties had been organized to see bodies in the woods.

In Cold Blood.

All reports, whether from miners or from strikebreakers or mine operators—agree that the killings really were a massacre—that the victims were shot down in cold blood after they had put up their flag and surrendered themselves and their arms to the attacking forces. Many persons in the county uphold the slaughter as a rightful act of justice. Citizens gathering on street corners last night and today laughed and joked over the affair and proudly boasted that "Some of these days people will realize that it doesn't pay to try to break a strike in Williamson county."

In the morgue women and children, as they passed through, commented on the accuracy of the shooters who brought down these victims. Men who openly boast that they were in the attacking force related with apparent pride the stories of what in war times would be called brutality. The story of the attack on C. K. McDowell, strike breakers' superintendent, was related by many. McDowell, with only one leg, was beaten to death with stones before being riddled with bullets, according to persons who say they were eye witnesses.

Stoned to Death.

He refused to march with the other prisoners, who were tied together, and told to run down the road between lines of attackers who poured buckshot, rifle and pistol bullets into them as they fled, saying that he'd just as soon die where he was. He died where he was said to have made this statement.

The mine sale was looted and one man, with some \$1,500 in bills, stood with a semi-circle of men around him and dealt out the bills, like cards, according to wounded men who were there.

The correspondent saw men wounded almost to death kicked around in the scorching sun in dusty roads. He saw men chased through fields like rabbits by shouting persons who opened fire, once catching him accidentally between two fires. Surrounded by armed men, he saw a knife plunged into the throat of a wounded man who in his dying breath gasped a plea: "In the name of my mother, in the name of your mother, in the name of our God, give me water," only to receive laughter and such jokes as: "Where you're going you won't see water," as a reply.

Mothers carried babies into the morgues and up to piles of bodies in the roads with such remarks as "Take a look at what your papa did, kid."

No Word of Sympathy.

He watched a man walk to the bedside of a dying man and curse him and jeer at him as he breathed his last. Through it all, although the fight area was traversed a dozen times, there was not a word heard of sympathy for a victim.



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State's Second Prison Baby Is Announced

Lincoln, June 23.—(Special)—No one thinks more of a baby than Warden W. T. Fenton of the state penitentiary.

But a baby in the penitentiary forces him to the verge of emphatic language. First, it was a baby born to Rella and Della DeHart. The father is serving life for murder and the mother from 1 to 10 years for complicity in murder.

The mother will be an applicant for parole in a short time. The baby is getting along nicely. It was Nebraska's first penitentiary baby.

The next penitentiary baby will be born in a short time to Mrs. Willette Snooks, confessed murderer, who about three months ago plunged a bread knife into the heart of her husband, Clyde Snooks. The penitentiary physician officially notified the warden of the approaching motherhood of Mrs. Snooks today.

"What do you say, warden?" he was asked.

"Just darn the luck—for publication," the warden said.

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Big Murder Plot Bared in England

(Continued From Page One) of their sorrow. The prince of Wales also sent a personal messenger, and the dinner, which was to have been given today in celebration of his birthday, has been abandoned.

Prime Minister Lloyd George sent this telegram: "I am deeply shocked at the ghastly crime. I can find no words to express my consternation and grief. Please accept all my sympathy in your terrible trouble."

Efforts to trace the crime to the instigation of any special persons or parties in Ireland has not succeeded.

Condemned by Griffith.

Dublin, June 23.—(By A. P.)—Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, speaking tonight of the London tragedy, said:

"Whether the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson was an act of private vengeance or had a pseudo-political aspect, I do not know. But it is a fundamental principle of civilized government that the assassination of a political opponent cannot be justified or condoned."

"I Have Lost a Friend."

Paris, June 23.—"I have lost a

Anxiety in Belfast.

Belfast, June 23.—(By A. P.)—The situation here was one of great anxiety today owing to the high state of feeling over the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson in London.

Special precautions were taken in the disturbed areas, but the military and police were forced to fire on mobs several times. The casualties by mid-noon were six wounded. The area mainly affected is situated between Grosvenor street and Falls road.

Virtually every member of the Ulster government is under police protection. A man named Ireland and a girl named English were wounded in a clash between civilians and military patrols in the York street area.

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